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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Gerd BRANDHORST et. al.

Serial No. 09/368,505

Group Art Unit 3754

Filed: August 5, 1999

Examiner: Philippe DERAKSHANI

For: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

REPLY

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001. It is respectfully requested that this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response (calculated as two months) and any necessary fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring LLP, Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 1860/48111RE).

REMARKS

It is noted that, contrary to the agreement reached at the interview of August 25, 2000, the Examiner did not allow any of the claims. Instead, the Examiner entered a new rejection on the ground that the Reissue Declaration is

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01 FC:116 390.00 CH allegedly defective, and repeated the previous rejection on